

## ALLIES PIERCE GERMAN LINE

French and British Carry  
Trenches Along the  
Front

## ITALIANS PRESS ON

Russian Advance Slows Up in Face of  
Desperate Counter Attacks by  
Austrians

London, Aug. 17.—Attacking together, the French and British yesterday carried a line of German trenches on a front of 1,500 metres to the north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, while further south the French seized trenches 1,200 metres long and occupied all enemy positions east of the Maurepas-Clergy road.

The Italians continue their advance east and southeast of Gorizia, carrying enemy positions on the road to Trieste and taking a number of prisoners. Petrograd reports a Russian victory in the Carpathians and says that the Austrians continue to retreat in the Vorokhta and Delatyn regions.

The most important success of the day is that reported by the French War Office on the Somme front. After an intense artillery preparation the French, assisted by the British, launched an offensive north of Maurepas and captured an entire line of German trenches on a front of 1,500 metres, reaching at certain points the Guillemont-Maurepas road.

"South of Maurepas, on a front of two kilometres and to a depth of 300 to 500 metres, French infantry occupied all enemy positions east of the Maurepas-Clergy road. These two operations resulted in the capture of a considerable number of prisoners.

"At the same time south of the Somme French troops, attacking with a rush, captured a powerfully organized system of German trenches on a length of 1,200 metres south of Belloy-en-Santerre, capturing 600 prisoners.

A violent bombardment was carried on last night on the Verdun front at Thiaumont, Fleury, Vaux, and Chapire, east of the Meuse.

According to a report received in Paris from Milan, the danger of the fall of Trieste has grown so imminent that Germany has taken over the defenses of the city, sending troops especially organized for that purpose.

Rome reports that heavy artillery and trench mortars are active in the Carso and in the hilly country east of Gorizia. Italian infantry captured enemy trenches along the slopes of Monte Pecinka, on the northern edge of the Carso and in the neighborhood of San Caterina and San Marco, east of Gorizia, taking 353 prisoners, including 11 officers, in the operation.

A squadron of French and Italian aeroplanes, bombarded the munitions factories and hangar, at Muggia, near Trieste, causing numerous destructive fires. The French lost one aeroplane.

The Austrians replied to the raid by sending a naval aeroplane squadron to bombard the railroad station at Ronchi and military objects and positions in Chetere-Vermeigliano, Selz and San Canziano and a hostile battery at the mouth of the Isonzo. Many exact hits were obtained, according to a Vienna report.

The stiffening of the Austro-German resistance on the east front is evidenced by a report from Petrograd which says after Russian troops reached the west bank of the Zlota-Lipa river, south of Brzezany, their advance was checked by counter-attacks. Between the Zlota-Lipa and the Dniester, the Russian troops are fighting their way forward, despite desperate resistance.

On the river Bystritsa, the Russians have occupied the little town of Solotvina and the village of Griava to the southwest of Solotvina.

In the regions of Delatyn and Vorokhta the Austrians are retiring to the west. The Russians captured a series of heights to the west of Vorokhta and Ardemyoy.

Berlin reports that the battle of Po-

## UNION LEADERS SEE WILSON

President Lays Before  
Them Plan For Set-  
tling Strike

## TODAY'S CONFERENCE

Brotherhoods Asked to Agree to Fed-  
eral Arbitration of Pay for Time  
Over 8-Hour Day

Washington, Aug. 17.—Six hundred chairmen of railway employers' union, representing the railroad workers of the United States, arrived in Washington on special trains last night to participate tomorrow in the most momentous meeting in all the history of organized labor.

President Wilson received these men in the East Room of the White House today. He laid before them the Presidential plan for settling their differences with the railroads and thereby avoid the paralyzing revolt which last night still threatened the country.

Upon their acceptance or declination of his plan rests war or peace.

Officials of both sides still keep scrupulously inviolate the silence imposed on them by the President, but it is possible to indicate what concessions the workers will be asked to grant as their share toward averting the strike.

The first and great concession, it is understood, will be that the railroad employees abandon their stand against the principle of arbitration in the matter of time and a half pay for overtime.

The railroad managers have agreed to the principle of a shorter work day. They are willing to institute an eight hour day, but in the meantime, according to the terms of this concession, a non-partisan commission is to investigate the practicability of the plan and to determine in addition whether time and a half pay after an eight hour day would be a wrongful infliction upon the railroads.

The program which the unions must accept or reject is said to amount to this:

To continue work on an eight-hour day basis.

To agree to a Federal investigation of the problem of hours and pay.

That if the hour and a half overtime pay is found by this investigation to be just the agreement will be retroactive and the men will be paid for their overtime at the rate of time and a half from the date of the agreement.

That if the time and a half is found not to be practicable the men agree to arbitrate the matter of a just overtime wage.

Both sides, behind locked and guarded doors, spent yesterday feverishly at work compiling their estimates of the cost to the railroads of time-and-a-half over time.

C. P. Neill, P. E. Crowley and Elisha Lee, representing the railroads, went to the White House and left data to prove that an eight-hour day and the time and a half would cost the railroad companies \$100,000,000 a year. The railroad brotherhood claims that the wage increase would cost only \$20,000,000.

Between these figures Federal experts have interposed an estimate understood to be \$30,000,000. This estimate has been placed in the hands of the President by Judge William L. Chambers, of the Federal Board of Mediation, who continues to be the President's chief adviser.

It was not possible to find any chairman among the union contingent arriving last night who would admit that a settlement was possible, although there was a noticeable absence of the vindictive attitude which the brotherhood leaders have displayed during the last few days.

The chairman declared they had no intention of receding from the position laid down by the unions early

ziers has died down after a long series of British attacks which gained nothing. In the east German

Hard and soft shell crabs on sale at the Rammel Hotel Cafe.

## Alexandria City News Condensed

The local lodges of Odd Fellows expect to send a large delegation to the coming annual reunion of lodges from all over the country which will be held at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Commonwealth's Attorney S. G. Brent has been appointed a delegate to the annual meeting of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, which will open its sessions at Chicago, August 29, by Gov. Henry C. Stuart.

Alexandria Canton, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold a special meeting at Odd Fellows' Hall on north Columbus street tonight at eight o'clock, when arrangements will be made to attend the coming annual reunion of Odd Fellows from all over the country which will be held at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The funeral of the late C. Philip Branner, will take place this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from his late home, 912 Duke street. Burial with Masonic honors will be given by Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member. Services will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace P. E. Church, and interment will be in Bethel cemetery.

Fannie V. Jones has filed suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company to recover \$5,000 damages. She states that she bought a round trip ticket on July 15 last to Colonial Beach and that a friend held her seat for a few moments during her absence and that when she returned the officer of the boat violently took the chair away from her.

Funeral services for the late Charles Henry McKnight were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from his late residence, 208 south St. Asaph street, the Rev. J. M. Nourse, who is conducting services at the Second Presbyterian Church during the month of August, officiating. Interment was in the Presbyterian cemetery. Pall bearers were: A. G. Uhler, Thomas W. White, Luther H. Thompson, G. W. Ramsay, S. C. Boush, and Laurence Stabler.

The M. D. D. club lawn party, which was slated to be given last night on the lawn of Miss Nora Baggett, in 1621 King street, was held last night in the Y. M. S. Lyceum hall on Duke street, because of inclement weather according to announcement in Gazette. The ladies of Grace P. E. Church will give a lawn party tonight at 916 Prince St., and the playground committee of the Parent-Teachers' Association will give a lawn fete tomorrow night at 207 south Washington street, for the benefit of the children's playground on south Washington street.

troops have won a success in the Carpathian region, capturing Starawipozyna Height, north of Capul. in the controversy, but they admitted they were eager to hear the details of the scheme which the President would lay before them today.

Sentiment throughout the country in favor of conciliatory legislation is rapidly increasing. More than 27,000 employees on a large number of railway systems have signed petitions which have been sent to the White House, urging compulsory arbitration in all labor disputes.

## MACCABEES EXCURSION

Annual Joint Excursion of the Knights and Ladies of Maccabees of Alexandria to Marshall Hall, Friday, August 18, 1916. Adult's tickets 25 cents for round trip. Steamer Charles Macalester leaves Washington at 10 a. m.; 2:30 and 6:30 p. m.; Alexandria at 10:30 a. m. and 3 and 7 p. m.

Mr. Arthur Johansen, of New York, is visiting relatives in North Braddock, Va.

Mrs. Clarence E. Ball of Aldan, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. J. M. White at 311 Prince street.

Miss Ada F. Jackson of Brooklyn, New York, is spending the summer in this city visiting relatives.

Mrs. Robert Tomlin and son, Robert, Jr., have returned from a visit to Colonial Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mansfield and son, Dowell, are spending a few days at Warrenton, Va.

Miss Atha Swain, of this city, is spending the month of August visiting friends in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bartlett and Mrs. Ernest Lyles are spending a few weeks at Colonial Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moore, Jr., and Miss Marian Negley are visiting relatives at Dearborn, Amherst, Va.

Mr. William P. Woolls, Jr., is confined to his home in Del Ray by sickness, to the regret of his many friends.

Mr. W. H. Demaine has returned to his home in King street after a stay of two months at Wellington, Prince William county.

Miss Carrie Wise, of Seminary Hill, Va., is accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smoot on an automobile tour through the Catskill Mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Doniphan returned to their home in this city this morning after a trip to Boston and New England cities by sea.

Ensign Chaplin E. Evans, U. S. N., who has been visiting his parents on south St. Asaph street, left on Monday to join the U. S. S. Nicholson at the New York Navy yard.

Mrs. R. F. Downham and Miss Lillian Callahan are leaving today for a two-weeks stay at Braddock Heights, Md. Miss Lottie Greenwell accompanies them for a short stay.

Miss Edyth Johansen entertained at an informal dance at her home in North Braddock, Monday evening. Among those present were Miss Caroline West, Miss Janet Gromau and Mr. S. H. Field, of this city, and Mr. Arthur Johansen, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henshaw, and daughter, Miss Marian Henshaw, left yesterday for Colonial Beach, Va.

Mrs. T. Harvey Henshaw and Miss J. Morgan Richards have departed to spend ten days on the lower Potomac with Mr. and Mrs. Henshaw.

## DRIVEN TO POISON BY RIDICULE

Man With Impediment In Speech  
Kills Self Far From Home:

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—J. Kelley Neal, aged 35 years, of Duck Hill, Miss., ended his life by poison here yesterday because friends in his home town ridiculed an impediment in his speech, which he had tried in vain to overcome.

The story of why he took his life was told in letters found with his body and made public by the coroner today.

He wrote that he preferred to die in San Francisco rather than give his acquaintances in Buck Hill the satisfaction of knowing they had driven him to desperation.

That the shipment of butter is not necessary on Sunday and is a violation of the Sunday observance laws was the opinion rendered in police court of Lynchburg when a creamery concern and two of its drivers were fined. The company was making a shipment of butter to Philadelphia and claimed the shipment was perishable.

DEVILED & HARD SHELLED  
CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT  
KING STREET.

One lone police commissioner was present last night at the meeting of the board of commissioners slated for 7:30 o'clock, Commissioner Robert E. Knight, besides the reporters, and the meeting was called off.

J. F. Drake, superintendent of the New Jersey State asylum, at Trenton, came to this city yesterday afternoon and took Charles Hemphill, who stole a horse and buggy from Henry Blunt, in this city sometime ago, after escaping from the Trenton institution, back to that place.

News has been received in this city of the death on Tuesday of William Smith, of Newark, N. J., who had been a frequent visitor to this city and was well known by hundreds of Alexandrians. The deceased was about 45 years old, and a member of the firm of Hornthal and Company. Funeral services took place at his late home last night at 8 o'clock and burial took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

John E. Whelchel, of Western High School, all-around athlete and captain in the Washington High School cadets, who is well-known in this city, having played often here in games between Western and other athletic teams and the Alexandria High School, has successfully passed the mental examinations to the United States Naval Academy on July 27 last and left yesterday from Washington to take the physical and medical test at Annapolis.

Mr. Thomas Schwarzmann, of Altoona, Pa., who has been the guest of Mrs. Wm. P. Woolls, has gone for a short trip to Morattico, Va., to visit his sisters at the home of Dr. F. L. Lewis.

Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's P. E. Church, who has been spending the past ten days at Virginia Beach with his family, returned to his home in this city, and left with Mrs. Phillips and their young daughter last yesterday afternoon for Laurel, Md., where they will remain until the first of September.

Miss Mary A. Steineman and G. E. Lewis, both of Baltimore, were married at 8 o'clock last night at St. Mary's Catholic Church rectory by the Rev. L. F. Kelley, assistant rector. Attending the couple were Mrs. Ernest Dove and William E. Chandler, of this city, as matron of honor and best man, respectively.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Mary Clarkson Meredith, daughter of the Rev. Joseph Marshall Meredith, to Mr. Richard Cassin Lee Moncreuf of Stafford county, both of the young people being well known in this city. The wedding will take place at noon on Tuesday, August 27th, at Aquia Church. Several Alexandrians will be present.

## DISCOURSE ON HEALTH

Speaker Alleges People Have Departed  
From Diet Intended by Creator

Dr. H. W. Miller, of Takoma Park, Washington, Superintendent of the Takoma Park Sanitarium of the Seventh Day Adventists, and in charge of the Medical work of the denomination in the North American Conference, delivered an address at the gospel tent last night on north Washington street. The doctor told of his experience while eight years in China, also of discoveries he claimed he had made in the medical profession. He averred that people have departed from the plain, simple diet which the Creator intended for human beings. He said if people expected to keep healthy they must make material changes in their modes of living.

The subject at the tent tonight will be "The Home—The Marriage Institution."

## NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of Alexandria Canton, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Thursday evening, August 17, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is requested, as there will be special business.

H. E. WEBB, Commandant.

## FRENCH ENGAGE IN MIGHTY DRIVE

Powerful Offensive in Som-  
me Sector Nets Great  
Gains

## CUT 500 YARDS' GASH

Constant Hammering of French At-  
tacking Armies Expected to Break  
Down German Defense

Paris, Aug. 17.—Beaten back by the heavy French assault on both banks of the Somme, the Germans made no attempt to counter-attack against the newly conquered French positions last night.

An official statement from the war office today reported a lull in infantry fighting on the Somme front, but reported violent artillery, especially near Maurepas and Belloy-en-Santerre, where the French advanced yesterday.

No greater assault has been made along the Somme since the initial onslaught of the allied armies which began the great battle seven weeks ago than that made by the French army and reported in the early morning bulletin. According to the official statement, it resulted in "important" and substantial gains.

Along nearly the whole front from Guillemont to the Somme, assisted by British troops co-operating on their northern flank, the French surged forward. South of the river, moreover, as part of the same operations, the French rushed the German lines on a front of more than 1,200 yards south of Belloy-en-Santerre. From wing to wing of this operation is a distance of about nine miles.

With the French Army on the Somme, Aug. 17—Like a gigantic, multiplied sledge hammer, the French army is smashing away at the German lines on the Somme battle-front.

The new French offensive is no way resembles the Russian steam-roller. Instead, it hammers continually with blow upon blow at any given point at any given time until eventually, the French officers believe, it must break down both the German defenses and the resistance of the German army.

The success of this steady hammering is demonstrated both by actual advance and the influx of prisoners who have surrendered in large numbers.

If the French offensive has carried terrible destruction in advance of the armies, it has wrought equally incredible progress in the rear. The eight munition depots have been connected with the battle front by a veritable mystic maze of railways of both broad and narrow gauge.

In peace time it would have required a year's work to construct them. Approaching the battle-front these lines converge ever thicker and ever more intricately. So perfected is this railway system that each of the eight depots can pour out upon the Somme battlefront its entire square half-mile of munitions and material every thirty-six hours.

On the other specially constructed railways, all of broad gauge, guns are being carried to the front. France does not lack heavy artillery on the Somme front, but is making constant additions for the purpose of increasing the power of her punch.

## DEATH NOTICE.

Died August 15, 1916, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth Walker, wife of the late Francis M. Walker, and beloved aunt of Mrs. Georgie Duncan, nee Idensen. Notice of funeral later.

## Bids Wanted For Coal and Wood.

The undersigned will receive sealed bids for 200 tons Cumberland coal, 40 tons white ash coal and 16 cords wood, to be used in heating the Alexandria city school buildings. Both coal and wood to be delivered to the several buildings as ordered. Bids must be received on or before August 25, 1916.

HARRY D. KIRK,  
Clerk School Board.  
Alexandria, Aug. 16, 1916. 190-76.

## WOMAN JUMPS TO HER DEATH

Mrs. T. W. Edmunds Dies  
From Injuries in Rich-  
mond

## WIFE OF A PHYSICIAN

Was Being Treated for Nervous Dis-  
Order, and Made Leap From Bath  
Room Window

Richmond, Aug. 17.—Mrs. T. W. Edmunds, wife of a prominent Danville physician, leaped off a porch roof at the Tucker Sanatorium, 212 West Franklin street, early yesterday morning, and died at the sanatorium at 3:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon of a fractured skull. Although she was being treated for nervous trouble, Mrs. Edmunds apparently was doing well, and neither her husband nor physicians at the sanatorium had deemed it necessary to assign a special nurse to her. It is supposed that she became acutely worse about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and made the leap while in an irresponsible condition.

Dr. Edmunds, who brought his wife to the hospital last Sunday, was notified at his home in Danville early yesterday morning, and arrived in Richmond yesterday afternoon shortly before the death of his wife.

Physicians and nurses at the sanatorium say that Mrs. Edmunds spent an excellent night up to about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when she awoke. She refused a sleeping potion, and returned to sleep, awaking again at 6 o'clock. A nurse then gave her a glass of milk and several crackers and brought her 6-months old infant in to see her. The child was returned to its crib, and Mrs. Edmunds' bath was prepared about 7 o'clock.

Up to the time she entered the bathroom, Mrs. Edmunds apparently was in excellent spirits and entirely rational. She had barely entered the room, however, before she removed a fly screen from a window opening on the roof of a porch on the Madison street side of the building and leaped from the roof to the ground, a distance of about 20 feet. She struck on a concrete walkway. It is believed that her head struck first, as the only abrasion was found near the base of the skull.

Mrs. Edmunds had been in weak physical condition for some time. Several deaths in her immediate family during the last few years are said to have contributed to her nervous state. She had given no indication of serious mental trouble, however, and Dr. Edmunds had informed Dr. Tucker that he thought a special nurse unnecessary. The death of a baby girl several months ago is thought to have preyed on Mrs. Edmunds' mind.

## SHAD GETTING SCARCE.

All along the Atlantic coast in the rivers where in other years shad were plentiful there are stories now of the approaching disappearance of this very bony, but very bonny fish. There was a time when every American river that flowed into the Atlantic yielded its big run of shad, but the run this year, even in the best shad streams, was very poor and the outlook is that it will be less next year, and within a few years, unless something is done to prevent will be negligible. It is said the shad and cives can not use the same river, that the pollution from the city will drive out the fish and this is given as the reason why the Connecticut, the Hudson, the Delaware, even the Savannah, are not the fine shad streams they were in other days.

Fish Day Tomorrow—Blue fish, sea bass, white perch, salt water taylor, butter fish, crab meat, trout and large clams, 15c doz. Melons on ice 25 and 30c. Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2, City Market, Phone 735. Open until 5 p. m.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-  
el, Cafe, Royal Street.